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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Robert Patrick HOF, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/887,933

Filing Date: 22 June 2001

For: PROCESS FOR RACEMISING AN
ENANTIOMER-ENRICHED SCHIFF
BASE OF AN AMINO ACID AMIDE

Examiner: Shailendra Kumar

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein mailed 27 November 2001, time for response to which was set to expire 27 February 2002. A petition for an extension of time of two (2) months until 27 April 2002 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. The pending claims, claims 12-22 were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is the following Exhibit A: Marked-up Version of Amendments to the Claims.

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